

**S E C R E T**

HEADQUARTERS **2nd TANK DESTROYER Group**

APO **230**, United States Army

**10 September 1944**

(Date)

T D Report # **11** From **030600 Sept. 44** to **100600 Sept. 44.**



**1. STATUS:**

- a. **2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XII Corps.**
- b. **803rd TD Bn - Attached 2nd TD Group.**
- c. **823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf. Div.**
- d. **702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div.**

**2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:**

- a. **2nd TD Gp - Attached XII entire period. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector, including employment of TD's in Corps reserve. Conducted reconnaissance missions in Corps sector for by-passed pockets of enemy, and route reconnaissance for movement of TD units in Corps reserve during advance EAST through BELGIUM to HOLLAND FRONTIER.**
- b. **803rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn (-) at coordinates 930132, vicinity ST AMAND, FRANCE. Co. "A" at TOURNAI, BELGIUM, atchd to "B", 30th Inf. Div. Bn (-) performing maintenance and resupply of fuel and equipment. Fuel supply at this time was critical. 4 Sept. Co. "C" plus one platoon of ron, attached to 113th Cav. Gp. for screening mission to EAST, in advance of Div's in Corps. Ron. Co. assigned mission of clearing vicinity of Corps CP near BLERHIES, BELGIUM, of suspected enemy, which was accomplished. 5 Sept. Co. "A" reverted to Bn control. Co. "C" unable to complete mission with Cav. because of lack of fuel, but remained atchd. Sufficient fuel was received following day to allow co. to continue with mission. 6 Sept. Bn (-) attached to 7th Arm'd Gp. in Corps reserve to aid in clearing vicinity of VALENCIENNES, FRANCE of reported strong force of German troops. No enemy force was found, but Co. atchd't remained. 7 Sept., Co. "C", with 113th Cav. Gp. destroyed four (4) enemy guns (20 or 40mm), one (1) Mk V (Panther) tank, and estimated 100 enemy personnel. Lost two (2) M-10's, one (1) 1/4 ton in other of day's engagements. Total casualties, one (1) KIA, five (5) WIA, one (1) MIA. Same day Bn (-) moved to 866530, vicinity FLANCHMONT, BELGIUM. 8 Sept, Co. "C" still with Cav., fired 1500 rds .50 MG, 56 rds, 3" HB, on enemy positions at FORTRESS SEEN SMALL, effect excellent, no casualties suffered, 10 Sept Bn (-) moved to 840456, vicinity DOMERSHEVEN, BELGIUM. At end of period, Bn (-) at that location attached 2nd TD Group.**
- c. **823rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn at 920228, vicinity of ST MAUR, BELGIUM, atchd 30th Inf Div. All companies were attached to RCT's, and were in assembly performing maintenance and resupplying. Fuel shortage was critical. 4 Sept enough gasoline received for a 100 mile move. Co's moved forward in direct support of RCT's. Bn (-) remaining with Div CP. By 5 Sept Bn had been completely refueled. 5 and 6 Sept Co's continued direct support of RCT's. Bn CP remained with Div CP. No action reported. 7 Sept, Bn CP moved to 704322, vicinity MARANSART, BELGIUM, companies continuing with RCT's in direct support. 8 Sept Bn CP moved to 027410, approximately 58 miles, leaving rear echelon in old location. No action reported. 9 Sept Bn moved to 319390, vic. CREYS, BELGIUM, Co's "A" and "C" reverted to Bn control upon closing in assembly. Days advance totaled 23 miles. Employment of units under atchd'ts is criticized by Bn in that information on moves, particularly routes and destinations, was not sufficient for planning purposes. 9 Sept Bn moved to 033554, and at end of period was at that point, atchd to 30th Inf Div.**

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10 September 1944.

(Date)

T D Report # 11 From (CONTINUED) to

## 1. STATUS:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp.\*

b. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

c. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

## 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp -

b. 702nd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn at 798049 atchd 2nd Armored Div. Co. "A" atchd CC "A", Bn (-) to CC "B". Maintenance and resupply to support Div's advance to EAST through BELGIUM was performed, with special attention to gas and diesel fuel supply. Co. "C" destroyed two (2) enemy supply trucks at road blocks vicinity PECQUENCOURT. "B" and "C" maintained road blocks through 5 Sept in 2nd Armored Div. sector, no further enemy contact. 6 Sept Bn (-) moved to 874320, establishing road blocks to secure CC "B" assembly area. 7 Sept, road blocks maintained and refueling completed. 8 Sept Bn (-) moved to J-267568, and defended CC "B" assembly area. 9 Sept, Co. "B" alerted to support 41st Inf. in crossing of ALBERT CANAL. 9 and 10 Sept, Bn (-) continued support of 41st Inf., and maintained road blocks and mounted patrols to prevent infiltration into assembly areas by small enemy groups. At end of period, Bn (-) at J-267578 atchd 2nd Armored Div, CC "B" with Co. "A" atchd CC "A".

c. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -



STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed)

UNIT	LOSSES		STATUS		DEAD/DIRTY		REMARKS
	Mech. Failure	Enemy Action	Recov-cred	Not Re-covered	Repair-able	Not Re-pairable	
803rd	2						34
823rd							36
702nd			NOT REPORTED				

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES							ROUNDS FIRED					
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	Gun	Boxes	M.G.	P.W.	APC	Other
803rd	1						4				20	20	70
823rd											9		
702nd							2						
TOTAL													

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
803rd		7	39	698
823rd			51 - 2 WO	698
702nd	NOT REPORTED			

REMARKS: 823rd TD Bn. late reports give Co. "A" credit for one (1) enemy motorcycle, one (1) truck, two (2) enemy killed, and 41 captured during previous week. Two (2) jeeps and one (1) M-20 were badly damaged in the action. "B" Co. also captured one (1) prisoner. These are not included in the above totals.

TD units atchd to Divisions continue to be further atchd by companies to RCT's, and, in some cases, to be further atchd by platoon, thus completely relieving Bn CO's of any tactical command. In some cases, Bns complain of being ordered on tactical marches without adequate information, though the exact details are not reported.

The advantages of the self-propelled units over the towed units in constantly re-emphasized by the fact that, in every case where divisions or Corps request additional TD support, self-propelled units are the type demanded. Their superior mobility and additional protection against small arms fire, especially, are unquestioned, and this Headquarters fully subscribes to the plan to convert towed to self-propelled units, as soon as possible.

PHILADOPHUS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

17 September 1944  
(Date)

T D Report # 12 From 100600B September to 170600A September 44.

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps.
- b. 803rd TD Bn (-) Attached 30th Inf Div.
- c. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.
- d. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp. Supervised employment of TD units in Corps Reserve and coordinated Corps AT defense. Conducted reconnaissance of routes and bridges in Sector. Group Task Force "Victor" captured 10 prisoners at 308455, vic. NODUWEZ, BELGIUM, 14 September 44.

b. 803rd TD Bn. At beginning of period, Bn (-) at 666330, atch'd 2nd TD Group in XIX Corps Reserve. Recon Co (-) atch'd 7th Arm'd Group, vic. VALENCIENNES, FRANCE to clear area of by-passed enemy. Co. "C", plus 1 Plat recon atch'd 113th Cav Grp to support mission of screening advance in Corps sector. Bn (-) moved to 340546 vic BOMMERSHAVEN, BELGIUM. 13 September, Recon Co. (-) returned to Bn, results of mission, small number of prisoners. 15 Sept, Bn (-) moved to 581477, vic GRONSVELD, HOLLAND, crossing MEUSE RIVER. Co. "A" officers made recon preparatory to relieving Co. "C" with Cav Grp. Relief effected 160810B hrs. Bn (-) atch'd 30th Inf Div, 152340B, per F.O. #24, XIX Corps. "B" Co assigned mission of close support of 119th Inf Regt, "C" support of 120th Inf Regt. At end of period Bn (-) at 581477, atch'd 30th Inf Div with Co. "A" atch'd 113th Cav Grp.

c. 823rd TD Bn. At beginning of period, Bn at 319390, atch'd 30th Inf Div. 10 Sept Bn CP moved to 450474 vic GENOELS-ELDESEN, fuel shortage acute. Co. "B" atch'd 120th Inf Regt in close support. 13 Sept, Bn moved to 568395, vic VISE, HOLLAND. Bn given mission of close support to Inf Regts of Div, with Co's under Bn. control. 14 Sept, Bn moved to 665435. Rec'd 40 replacements, including 5 former unit members who had been evacuated as casualties earlier in operations. 15 Sept, Bn continued close support missions and completed re-grouping and maintenance for future operations. One (1) officer, two (2) men injured in blackout vehicle accident. 16 Sept, Bn moved to 665496, vic SCHEULDEN, HOLLAND. Upon Div order, "A" and "C" Co's prepared to fire artillery missions for attack on SIEGFRIED LINE. 3 prisoners captured. At end of period, Bn at 665496, vic SCHEULDEN, HOLLAND, attached 30th Inf Div.

d. 702nd TD Bn. At beginning of period, Bn at J-267569, Bn (-) atch'd CC"B", 2nd Arm'd Div., Co. "A" atch'd CC"A", Co. "C" to Div Reserve. Reconnaissance and maintenance performed 13 Sept, Bn at 398495, same attachment. One (1) Plat, Co. "B" destroyed enemy pill-box and routed several MG nests. 15 Sept Bn alerted for movement across ALBERT CANAL and MEUSE RIVER, with 2nd Arm'd Div. 16 September, Bn (-) moved to 594524, vic MAASTRICHT. Co. "B" atch'd to Div Arty for artillery missions, from coordinates 572542. At end of period, Bn at 594524, atch'd as above to 2nd Arm'd Div.

STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed):

UNIT	LOSSES		STATUS		DEADLINED		REMARKS
	Mech. Failure	Enemy Action	Recov. covered	Not Recov. covered	Repair: -able	Not Repairable	
803rd						28	M-10 replacement slow.
823rd						36	Towed
702nd							Not reported.

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES						ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	Gun	Boxes	P.W.	AFC	Other	Other
2nd GFA										10			
803rd										15			
823rd										3			
702nd										1			
TOTAL:													

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
803rd TD Bn.			40 - 1	601
823rd TD Bn.	1 (NRC)	2 (NRC)	31 - 2	758
702nd TD Bn.	NOT REPORTED			

REMARKS:

823rd TD Bn. - In addition to above total of PW's, 18 were reported as captured in previous period. Bn total now 301. BN C.O. has now been given mission type order for employment of Bn, with Co's under Bn control.

Near the end of the period, 702nd and 823rd TD Bns were prepared to operate in secondary missions, against enemy at SIGFRIED LINE. The comparative cheapness of 3" ammunition in tonnage and transport is a vital factor, and the fact that TD's perform harassing and interdiction fires with equal, possibly greater, facility and effect, makes their employment in this role highly regarded by Corps and Division Arty. Commanders. This Hqs. fully endorses the use of TD Units in artillery missions whenever the situation does not demand their use in primary roles.



HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

24 September 1944

(Date)

T D Report # 13 From 170600A September 11 to 240600A September 14.

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps - vicinity GULPEN, HOLLAND.
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Arm'd Div.
- c. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.
- d. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.

2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps entire period. Maintained close contact with all TD units in Corps and coordinated employment of TD's throughout Corps sector.

At beginning of period, Bn at 894524, atch'd 2nd Arm'd Div. Co. "A" atch'd CC"A", Co. "B" to CC"B", Co. "C" to Div Res, in indirect fire missions under Bn control. Co. "B" destroyed four (4) 88mm guns, one (1) M4 tank, and one (1) SP gun, captured 12 prisoners. Four (4) EM wounded, one (1) M-10 temporarily disabled. 18 Sept Bn (-) moved to 867661, vic GSELEN, HOLLAND, attachments remaining same. 19 Sept, Bn (-) moved to 8579635, vic ZWELKHUIZEN, Co. "C" atch'd 115th Cav Sq Task Force, with mission of securing Corps left (N) flank. Co. "B" advanced into GERMANY with CC"B", during day, destroying two (2) MG nests, killing 60 enemy, and capturing 27. No losses sustained. 20 Sept, Bn (-2 companies) under CC"A" moved to 8793670, vic GANGEIT, GERMANY. All companies in primary mission. No action reported. 21 Sept Bn Hqs. moved to 8791642 in conjunction with CC"A" for greater security. At end of period, Bn (-) at that location, vic BRUNSUM, HOLLAND, atch'd 2nd Arm'd Div.

At beginning of period, Bn (-) at 769507, atch'd 30th Inf Div. Co. "A" atch'd to 113th Cav Grp, further atch'd to 125th Cav Sq, minus one (1) section TD's and one (1) section Ron atch'd to 113th Cav Sq. Co. "B" in direct support of 119th Inf Regt, Co. "C" in direct support of 120th Inf Regt. 18 Sept Co. "B" destroyed two (2) enemy MG nests by direct fire from 3" Guns, also causing undetermined number of casualties. 19 Sept Co. "A" fired on targets on SIEGFRIED LINE, destroying one (1) OP, one (1) building under construction, captured three (3) prisoners. 21 Sept, Co's "A" and "C" fired on enemy targets, results unknown. 22 Sept, Co. "C" fired on SIEGFRIED LINE, destroying one (1) pill box and four (4) OP's. One (1) EM wounded by enemy arty. No further action during period. At end of period Bn (-) at 769507, vic SIMPLEVELD, HOLLAND, atch'd 30th Inf Div., with Co. "A" atch'd 113th Cav Group.

At beginning of period, Bn moved to 751505, vic HESERHILDE, HOLLAND, atch'd 30th Inf Div with Co's "A" and "C" on secondary missions, firing 600 rds, and "B" in direct support of 120th Inf Regt. 18 Sept, "A" and "C" fired total of 300 rds indirect on targets on SIEGFRIED LINE. During day, Bn (-"A") atch'd to 120th Inf Regt. "A" atch'd to 258th FA Grp to support direct firing on SIEGFRIED LINE. In Co's "B" and "C", Flats were atch'd to Inf Bns of 120th Inf Regt. All units under enemy arty fire during 19 Sept. "C" losing one (1) EM WIA. 20 Sept, Bn CP moved to 575555, vic HEERLEN, HOLLAND. No action. 21 Sept, "A" by direct fire destroyed one (1) tank or SP gun, one (1) pill box, plus one (1) SP gun, at ranges of 2500 - 3000 yds. One (1) EM KIA, one (1) EM WIA. 22 Sept, "A" destroyed one (1) pill box and one (1) house occupied by Germans, suffering one (1) EM KIA, one (1) EM WIA. At end of period, attachments remained unchanged, with Bn (-) at 575555, vic HEERLEN, HOLLAND, atch'd to 30th Inf Div.

UNIT	LOSSES			STATUS			DEPLETED			REMARKS
	Mocho: Failure	Enemy Action	Recov: erod	Not Re: covered	Repair: -able	Not Re: pairable	Oper: tional	Oper: tional	Oper: tional	
702nd		2		2	1	1		36	Replacements received.	
803rd	2				2			35		
823rd								36	(TOWED)	

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES								ROUNDS FIRED				
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	Gun	Boxes	Direct	Indirect	Other	Other
702nd		1		1				4		2	39		
803rd									5	6	52	214	
823rd		1(?)		1					2		7	54	68 45 900
TOTAL													

FACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
702nd		4 WIA		
803rd		2 WIA	39	598
823rd		2 KIA - 4 WIA - 4 NBC	31 - 1	722

REMARKS: 702nd TD Bn. - Report on action of 16 September 1944 vic of GILLRATH, HOLLAND, is attached.

HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

5 October 1944

(Datp)

T D Report # 14 From 240600A Sept. 44 to 010600A October 1944

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached 1st Belgium Brigade.
- b. 702 TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 2nd Armored Division.
- c. 803 TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 30th Inf. Division.
- d. 823 TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 30th Inf. Division.
- e. 814 TD Bn - Attached 7th Armored Division.
- f. 821 TD Bn - Attached 29th Inf. Division.

2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:



- a. 2nd TD Gp - At beginning of period, Group at K693472, vicinity GULPEN, HOLLAND, atchd XIX Corps, coordinating AT defense in Corps sector. 27 Sept. moved to 556517, MAASTRICHT, HOLLAND with Corps Headquarters. 28 Sept, atchd 1st Belgium Brigade, with Co. "A", 803rd TD Bn, Co. "B", 744th Tank Bn (Light) and Co. "B", 747th Tank Bn (Med) atchd to Group, by FO #27, XIX Corps. Missions: To support 1st Belgium Brigade, Brigade to cover assembly of 7th AD (US) and apply pressure to drive enemy to NORTH in zone, and deny crossing of MAAS RIVER, vicinity ROERMOND, coordinated with 113th Cav. Group to EAST of MAAS RIVER. Moved to K605845, KINROY BELGIUM. 29 Sept. conducted reconnaissance and coordinated plans to support 1st Belgium Brigade, 30 Sept. supported attack to drive enemy NE of WESSEM CANAL with atchd tank and TD units firing direct and indirect fires. At end of period, Group at KINROY, BELGIUM, atchd 1st Belgium Brigade.
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Bn (-) at beginning of the period atchd to 2nd Armored Division for entire period. Bn. at K791642. "C" Co. plus one (1) plat. ren. co. atchd 113th Cavalry Squadron at K690683 on primary mission protecting Corps left (N) flank during entire period. "A" Co. plus one (1) plat. Ren. Co. further atchd to CC "A". Bn (-) further atchd to CC "B". "A" Co. destroyed three (3) american tanks in the hands of the enemy on 25 Sept. 44. Also two (2) miscellaneous vehicles on that date. Protected assembly areas with road blocks and patrols. "B" Co. on primary mission with CC "B" in Division reserve during period. At close of period Bn (-) K765597, "C" Co. K665677, all other elements in assembly vicinity Bn (-).
- c. 803rd TD Bn - Bn (-) at beginning of period at K769507, atchd 30th Inf. Div. "A" Co. atchd 113th Cavalry Group. "A" Co. destroyed enemy OP by direct fire on 24 Sept. 44. "B" Co. and "C" Co. supporting 119th and 117th Inf. Regts respectively during entire period. On 26 Sept. 44 "C" Co. 1st Plat. fired eleven (11) rounds HE and three (3) rounds APC BD direct fire at hostile OP's. 28 Sept. 44 "A" Co. relieved of attachment 113th Cav. Squadron atchd 2nd TD Group vicinity KINROY, BELGIUM (K6085). "A" Co. fired direct and indirect fire in support of Belgian Infantry 29-30 Sept. 44. "B" Co. and "C" Co. on primary mission maintained gun positions protecting roads in sectors of 119th and 117th Inf. Regts respectively. Bn (-) located at K769507 at close of period.
- d. 814th TD Bn - Atchd to 7th Armored Div, Div. atchd to XIX Corps 261200A Sept. 44. Bn (-) atchd to TF "K", "A" Co. atchd CC "A", "B" Co. atchd to CC "B". No reports received during period. Bn (-) now located at K625150.
- e. 821st TD Bn - Atchd to 29th Inf. Div. Div. atchd to XIX Corps 21 Sept. 44. Unit remained vicinity Div. CP, engaged in maintenance of material and equipment during period. Bn (-) now located K752654. No reports received to date.



HEADQUARTERS 2nd WAVE DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

5 October 1944.  
(Date)

T D Report #14 From: (continued) to

1. STATUS:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp.\*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp -

b. 823rd TD Bn At beginning of period Bn (-) at K773534. Bn. atchd 30th Inf. Div. Bn (-) further atchd to 120th Inf. Regt and "A" Co., atchd 228th FA Group. Bn (-) remained on primary mission and "A" Co. remained on secondary mission during entire period. A-2 fired 200 rounds HE in indirect fire on four (4) concentrations 26 Sept. 44. A-3 (K774529) registered 27 Sept. 44 for secondary mission, direct fire destroyed one half track with equipment of "A" Co. resulting in one (1) casualty that date. Between 272230A and 280030A Sept 44 A-2 fired three (3) concentrations totalling 300 rounds HE in indirect fire missions. On 29 Sept 44 A-3 withdrew from prepared indirect fire positions and emplaced under hostile observation to destroy a pill box with 5 rounds APC BD and 17 rounds HE with CPT105 by direct fire. Platoon was exposed for approximately ten (10) minutes and received no countering fire. On the same date C-3 was displaced to the South to cover area of "A" Co., 803rd TD Bn., which had been relieved by Corps order. ~~=====~~ A-2 fired 300 rounds HE on three (3) concentrations between 2200 and 2400A 30 Sept. 44, "B" Co., 803rd TD Bn relieved C-3 which returned to vicinity K777546. Bn. now located at K774546.

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed):

UNIT	LOSSES		STATUS		DEADLINED		REMARKS
	Mech. Failure	Accy. Action	Recey. and covered	Not Re-able	Repair	Not Re-parable	
702							58
803	4				4		31
823		1 (PM)					36 (35 Prime Movers)
821	NO	REPORTS					
814	NO	REPORTS					

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES					ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP/Other	GP	Gun	Boxes	P.W.	AFC	DIRECT	INDIRECT
702	3											
803												
821	NO	REPORTS										
823							1					
814	NO	REPORTS										
TOTAL:												

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
702			NOT REPORTED	
803		1	39 - 1	596
821	No Reports			
823		8	32 - 1	710
814	No Reports			

REMARKS: